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General 52*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~4th May, 1959.COCOM Doc. No. 3416.31/2BCOORDINATING COMMITTEEMEMORANDUM BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION CONCERNINGITEM 1631 (a) and (e) - MAGNETIC METALS

The French Delegation refer to COCOM Document No. 3416.31/1 submitted on the 16th April by the Netherlands Delegation, and have the honour to inform the Committee that they support the Netherlands point of view and consider that it was indeed in error that the words "or less" were deleted from the present definition of Item 1631 (a). The examination carried out by the French experts has led them to reconsider their position regarding magnetic metals.

The French Delegation therefore request the Coordinating Committee to consider the following wording which seems more appropriate for paragraph (e):

1631 (e) Core loss of 1 watt per Kg. (0.45 watt per lb) or less at $B = 15,000$ gaussess and 50 cycles per second for silicon steels. (Core loss of 0.59 watt per lb. at 60 cycles per second.

The French Delegation point out that in France, as in the six E.C.S.C. countries and in Japan, all standards define oriented grain sheets by their core loss in watts at $B = 15,000$ gaussess and not 13,000.

The cut-off of 13,000 gaussess involves an export embargo to Eastern countries on certain oriented grain sheets in metal-working form. In this connection it must be stressed that transformers manufactured with these embargoed sheets can be freely exported to Eastern countries at the present time. The sheets in question, however, have and can have no other use than the manufacture of transformers.

The French Government would welcome the views of Member Governments on this amended definition.

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